

SENATE BILL No. 271

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas school equity and
2 enhancement act; extending the high-density at-risk weighting;
3 amending K.S.A. 72-5151 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-5151 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
7 5151. (a) The at-risk student weighting of each school district shall be
8 determined by the state board as follows:

9 (1) Determine the number of at-risk students included in the
10 enrollment of the school district; and

11 (2) multiply the number determined under subsection (a)(1) by 0.484.
12 The resulting sum is the at-risk student weighting of the school district.

13 (b) Except as provided in subsection (b)(4), the high-density at-risk
14 student weighting of each school district shall be determined by the state
15 board as follows:

16 (1) (A) If the enrollment of the school district is at least 35% at-risk
17 students, but less than 50% at-risk students:

18 (i) Subtract 35% from the percentage of at-risk students included in
19 the enrollment of the school district;

20 (ii) multiply the difference determined under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)
21 by 0.7; and

22 (iii) multiply the product determined under subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii)
23 by the number of at-risk students included in the enrollment of the school
24 district; or

25 (B) if the enrollment of the school district is 50% or more at-risk
26 students, multiply the number of at-risk students included in the
27 enrollment of the school district by 0.105; or

28 (2) (A) if the enrollment of a school in the school district is at least
29 35% at-risk students, but less than 50% at-risk students:

30 (i) Subtract 35% from the percentage of at-risk students included in
31 the enrollment of such school;

32 (ii) multiply the difference determined under subsection (b)(2)(A)(i)
33 by 0.7; and

34 (iii) multiply the product determined under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii)
35 by the number of at-risk students included in the enrollment of such
36 school; or

1 (B) if the enrollment of a school in the school district is 50% or more
2 at-risk students, multiply the number of at-risk students included in the
3 enrollment of such school by 0.105; and

4 (C) add the products determined under subsections (b)(2)(A)(iii) and
5 (b)(2)(B) for each such school in the school district, respectively.

6 (3) The high-density at-risk weighting of the school district shall be
7 the greater of the product determined under subsection (b)(1) or the sum
8 determined under subsection (b)(2)(C).

9 (4) ~~Commencing in school year 2018-2019,~~ School districts that
10 qualify to receive the high-density at-risk weighting pursuant to this
11 section shall spend any money attributable to the school district's high-
12 density at-risk weighting on the at-risk best practices developed by the
13 state board pursuant to K.S.A. 72-5153(d), and amendments thereto. If a
14 school district that qualifies for the high-density at-risk weighting does not
15 spend such money on such best practices, the state board shall notify the
16 school district that it shall either spend such money on such best practices
17 or shall show improvement within five years of notification. Improvement
18 shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (A) The percentage of
19 students at grade level on state math and English language arts
20 assessments; (B) the percentage of students that are college and career
21 ready on state math and English language arts assessments; (C) the
22 average composite ACT score; or (D) the four-year graduation rate. If a
23 school district does not spend such money on such best practices and does
24 not show improvement within five years, the school district shall not
25 qualify to receive the high-density at-risk weighting in the succeeding
26 school year.

27 ~~(5) The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2020.~~

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-5151 is hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the statute book.